GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Crime against Senior Citizens
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the rise in crime against senior citizens who are living alone;

(b) if so, whether the Government has collected any data regarding the number of crime against senior citizens in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (c): National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) does not maintain data on crimes against senior citizens who are living alone separately. However, a total of 18,714 and 20,532 cases of crimes against senior citizens (above 60 years) were reported during 2014 and 2015 respectively. State/UT-wise and crime head-wise cases reported, cases charge sheeted, cases convicted, persons arrested, persons charge sheeted and persons convicted under crimes against senior citizens (above 60 years) during 2014-2015 is enclosed at Annexure-I & II respectively.
As per the seventh schedule to the Constitution of India `Police` and `Public Order` are State subjects and as such, the primary responsibility of prevention,
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detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crime, lies with the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Home Affairs has issued two detailed advisories dated 27.3.2008 and 30.8.2013 to all State Governments/UTs advising them to take immediate measures to ensure safety and security for elimination of all forms of neglect, abuse and violence against old persons through initiatives such as identification of senior citizens, sensitization of police personnel regarding safety, security of older persons, regular visit of the beat staff; setting up of toll free senior citizen helpline; setting up of senior citizen security cell; verification of domestic helps, drivers etc.

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